

First Annual Torrance Rodeo October 24th

Cowboys with Array of Bucking Horses Coming For Wild West Show

"Yip-pee! Yip-pee! Let 'er buck!" That's what a lot of rodeo fans will be shouting when the First Annual Torrance Rodeo show opens at Torrance Municipal Park Sunday, Oct. 24.

According to H. C. Callihan, chairman of the rodeo committee, there will be a large array of the toughest and "buckiest" horses in California here for the big show. At least 20 of these animals will be entered in the various events ready to challenge the staying qualities of any cowboy rider on the western ranges, Callihan remarked. A group of Brahma steers which have taken part in other Southland rodeos, will also be here, it was announced.

The honor for "Queen of the Rodeo" has fallen to Miss Toni Deeter, well-known woman rider. She was selected by the rodeo committee not only for her charming beauty, but because of her outstanding horsemanship. She is a resident of



BOB CHAMBERS . . . owner of "King, the Golden-Hoofed Horse," as he will be seen in the First Annual Torrance Rodeo parade and grand entry into Torrance municipal park, Sunday afternoon, Oct. 24.

this community and has a wide circle of friends. Her selection has met with wide approval and she will be in the parade to be staged on Rodeo day. She is popular in Torrance, Lomita and in the Harbor District. Miss Deeter's home is 2224 230th st.

Callihan says assurances of support have come from so many unanticipated sources that the committee now feels that the show is going over in a big way. But more will be heard about this next week, he asserted.

The Kellogg University of California Farm near Pomona is sending some of its best stock to take part in the parade which will be staged about noon, Oct. 24. Bob Chambers of Hollywood Riviera, owner is sending "King, the Golden Hoofed Horse."

The committee has announced that there will be at least 14 events on the program. Five awards are to be made to riders who take part in the parade and the grand entry at the Municipal Park. These will be divided into five units: (1) best parade horse; (2) best silver-mounted outfit; (3) women's plain western; (4) men's plain western; (5) best group of riders.

All profits derived from the

Postmaster Warns Only Week Left To Send Yule Mail to Soldiers

Postmaster C. Earl Conner today warned that only seven more days remain for mailing Christmas packages to soldiers overseas with any assurance that they will be delivered on time. The postmaster added that after Oct. 15 no gift will be sent overseas unless a specific written request is received from the soldier to whom it is to be sent is presented to the postoffice.

"A considerable quantity of gift mail for our men in the Army has been sent abroad by Torrance residents, yet the volume has not been as heavy as had been anticipated which leads to the conclusion that there must be many who have delayed mailing as long as possible," the postmaster indicated.

Army officials at the New York port of embarkation stated: "We have ships. We're

ready to handle 30,000 sacks, each containing 15 five-pound packages a day. We're getting about half this amount, which tends to show that the public is waiting until the last minute."

The Army postoffice is endeavoring to get mail to men overseas as rapidly as possible. It was pointed out that the mail, or Christmas packages, go by an intricate system which makes it possible to send it to individual units in war theaters.

Christmas mail may be sent to the Navy and Coast Guard until Nov. 1. Postmaster Conner requests all civilians to mail their Christmas packages earlier than usual this year for the reason, he said, every postoffice in the country is suffering from a shortage of labor. It must be remembered that more than 30,000 postal employees are now in the armed services of the United States.

rodeo, Callihan stated, will be invested in U.S. War Bonds. All persons who purchase a \$25 bond at booths to be established under direction of Postmaster C. Earl Conner, will be given free admission to the rodeo grounds. Gates to the park will be open at 11 a.m., the show to begin at 1 o'clock.

Al Rivers, who has ridden in the Salinas Rodeo for years as well as in others staged in various parts of the west, will be here. Callihan, who worked with Rivers on the Nevada ranges, found him recently working in the Deak Aircraft plant in Torrance and, because of his rodeo experience, Rivers was invited to

become a member of the First Annual Torrance Rodeo committee which now consists of Callihan, chairman; Rivers, A. F. Palmer, Charles Z. Ward, Maxine (Shorty) Wurzler and I. Washer.

Dr. W. T. Laughon will be the official rodeo physician and surgeon and will be on the show grounds while the events are being staged.

The committee reports that local merchants have been very responsive.

Prizes to be given away following the main feature of the rodeo program. Those in charge of the bond booths are members of Postmaster Conner's office staff and include Mrs. Robert Hill, Mrs. Robert Hannan and Lou Deiningner, assistant postmaster.

The rodeo committee has announced that miscellaneous prizes are to be awarded and paid in War Savings Stamps.

H. C. Callihan, committee chairman, has made it clear neither himself nor Al Rivers, who is also a committee member, will compete for any of the rodeo award prizes, but will, if time permits, appear in exhibition rides. Callihan explained that the judges at the show will be selected by representatives of the Amateur Rodeo Assn. and the riders who enter into competition on the day of the rodeo.

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Tests Open to Young Men for Army and Navy

The second qualifying test for Army specialized training program and the Navy college V-12 which will be given throughout the country on Tuesday, Nov. 9, will be administered at the Torrance high school, according to Harold E. Perry, principal. A pamphlet of general information which contains an admission identification form is obtainable at the high school office. This form properly filled out will admit to the test students between the ages of 17 and 21, inclusive, who are recent high school graduates or who will be graduated by March 1, 1944. Intent to take the test should be made known immediately to Principal Perry in order that the necessary supplies may be ordered, it was pointed out.

The same examination will be taken by both Army and Navy candidates. The examination is designed to test the aptitude and general knowledge required for the program of college training and all qualified students are urged to take the test. At the time of the test each candidate will be given a choice of service preference, but taking the test does not obligate the candidate to enlist in the service.

The Army specialized training program and the Navy college program enable students to continue academic training without government expense following induction into the armed forces. Successful completion of the prescribed courses may, following further officer training, lead to a commission in the Army or the Navy.

Students who attend college under either of the programs will be under military discipline on active duty in uniform with pay. All expenses, including tuition, food, housing, books and uniforms will be paid by the Army or the Navy.

Wallace Ware Speaks Before Kiwanis Group

Wallace L. Ware, past president of the State Railroad commission and Los Angeles attorney, was the guest speaker at the session of the Kiwanis club in Torrance last Monday.

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Banning High Torrance Grid Game Tomorrow

The Torrance high school will have its first Marine league football game at the high school field tomorrow, Oct. 8, with the Banning high aggregation from the harbor district.

Other games scheduled are: Torrance vs. San Pedro at Torrance, Oct. 22.

On Oct. 15 Torrance varsity travels to Gardena and on Oct. 29 to Narbonne for an encounter with Coach Sheldon Loughborough's ambitious charges.

Gardena is coming to Torrance on Armistice day, Nov. 11. San Pedro will entertain the local first-line eleven in the last game of the season, scheduled for Nov. 18.

Fred Quaggin "Missing" Following U-Boat Attack

Another Torrance family was saddened by the grim toll of modern warfare this week when word was received that Fred Quaggin, chief engineer in the U.S. Merchant Marine, was reported missing in the North Atlantic.

The report, which cast a gloom of anxiety throughout the entire community, was received Saturday morning in a telegram from Vice Admiral R. R. Waesche, commandant of the U. S. Coast Guard at Washington, D.C. The message advised Mrs. Emma Quaggin that her husband was reported "missing and presumed lost following action in the performance of his duty in the service of his country in the American Merchant Marine." The telegram also informed Mrs. Quaggin that she would be notified immediately of any further information regarding the fate of her husband and requested that she not reveal the name of his ship.

Mr. and Mrs. Quaggin have made their home in Torrance for the past 12 years, residing at 1609 Amapola ave. They have three children, who with their mother are anxiously looking forward to more favorable news. "We have not given up hope," said Mrs. Quaggin bravely.

Prior to joining the Merchant Marine 18 months ago, Chief Engineer Fred Quaggin was night superintendent of the Hydrex Co. plant in South Torrance. He is a member of the Torrance Rotary club and St. Andrew's Episcopal church, and has always taken an active part in community welfare and social life. Born of Canadian parents in Nanaimo, British Columbia, Dec. 2, 1900, Quaggin became a citizen of the United States in 1932. In his early manhood, he was employed on the celebrated "Empress" luxury liners of the Canadian Pacific Steamship Co. When the appeal for experienced seamen to man the expanding Merchant Marine was sent out, Fred Quaggin answered the call to patriotic duty and enlisted in the U.S. Merchant Marine. During the past year and a half, Chief Engineer Quaggin has been on duty in both the Pacific and North African theaters of war. The ill-fated trip in September was his first duty in the North Atlantic.

Mrs. Quaggin just recently returned from visiting her husband at Mobile, Ala., and later for a short time at New York where he left for the Atlantic crossing. It is presumed that Quaggin's ship was attacked on its return trip.

One of Eight Sunk It is believed that Quaggin's ship was one of the five Allied cargo vessels and three warships which were sunk with a heavy loss of life in a day running from the torpedoes of German U-boats using a new type of torpedo, described in news dispatched from an Eastern Canadian port.

Naval authorities described Germany's new type torpedo as combining magnetic guidance with acoustic detonation.

Fired at a ship from astern, they said, the torpedoes "checked" the vessel and exploded within the radius of the ship's propeller vibration. The ship, totally disabled with her propeller gone, is then an easy mark for a point-blank torpedo.

A rough check indicated that 200 sailors, both Merchant Marine and Navy men aboard the eight ships, lost their lives. There were about 300 survivors.

Survivors at an eastern Canadian port this week said they believed five merchant ships and three warships definitely were sunk, and that another warship might have been sunk. An officer of one of the merchant ships said he knew of two U-boats sunk and at least six more had been damaged.

The warships lost were the Canadian destroyer St. Croix, the British frigate Ithen and the British corvette Polyantus.

Survivors said there were 70 ships in the two convoys which first were attacked only three days out of Britain.

The submarines, stalking the convoys in the daytime and striking in darkness, sank four ships and crippled two escort vessels during the weekend of September 18, 19 and 20, they said.

During all the attacks protecting aircraft battled the subs with depth charges, cannon and machine guns.

On Sept. 21 the two convoys merged in an action which culminated in the sinking of the



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War Chest Group To Meet Tuesday

Organization of a Torrance War Chest committee to direct this city's participation in the California War Chest and National War Fund will be perfected at a meeting called by C. Earl Conner next Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the new Chamber of Commerce headquarters, 1119 Sartori ave.

Funds to be raised through this one drive will be distributed among Allied nations, the U.S.O. and other U.S. military welfare organizations as well as local charity and welfare associations, Conner states.

All persons interested in taking part in this important campaign are invited to attend the meeting next Tuesday evening.

General Emmons Warns OCD Must Be Maintained

Lt. Gen. Delos C. Emmons, who succeeded Gen. J. L. De Witt, commanding general of the Western Defense Command, in a letter to George L. Levison, acting regional director of the Office of Civilian Defense—a copy of which has been received by Mayor McGuire and Chief of Police Stroth—concerns in what his predecessor said concerning maintenance of adequate civilian defense in the Pacific Coast states.

"Our military success abroad must not be permitted to create an undesirable let-down at home," Gen. Emmons warned. "It is important that all civilian defense volunteers keep up their interest, carry on with their responsibilities and remain on duties appropriate to the needs of their community. One example of such need is the exposure of many western communities to fire damage. Fire is an ever present danger and it is especially necessary that these services of civilian defense concerned with the prompt discovery and suppression of fire be maintained. Obviously there are other essential duties which must be performed."

In concluding Gen. Emmons said: "The volunteers have performed an essential service to their country while at war at considerable sacrifice and effort. Most of them, especially those who have received essential training, are still needed and it is hoped that they will carry on until they can be released without jeopardy."

NEW TEACHER HERE Mrs. Charlotte Atwater, formerly of Riverside and later coming to the Los Angeles district school system, became a member of the Elementary school faculty in Torrance as fourth grade instructor.

Walteria Child Cruelty Case Before Willett

Clarence C. Alexander, 30-year-old war plant worker, of 24435 Neece ave., Walteria, pleaded guilty to a charge of unjustifiable punishment of his two minor children before Judge Otto B. Willett late last week.

Homey J. Daniels of the State Commission for the Protection of Children, who placed Alexander in custody, said neighbors had complained that Alexander had abused the children, Betty, 10 and Sally, 7, while under the influence of liquor.

The mother of the two girls, Mrs. Evelyn Alexander, is in the General Hospital. On hearing this the court released the defendant on his own recognizance and set Oct. 15 as the date for imposing sentence. Meanwhile the two children were being cared for by neighbors in the community pending other determination.

Torrance P.O. Reaches High Business Peak

This will be a banner year for the Torrance postoffice, according to C. Earl Conner, postmaster. Postal receipts during the first three quarters of this year total \$63,590.13, compared with \$64,825.58 during the full calendar year of 1942. "We should reach the \$90,000 mark, which would be a record high, by the close of business on Dec. 31," the postmaster asserted.

Postal receipts increased \$6,727.57 during the third quarter of this year—July 1 to Sept. 30, inclusive, it was revealed. During this period in the current year the gross postal receipts were reported at \$21,210.85, compared with the returns during the third quarter of 1942.

The gross postal receipts, Postmaster Conner explained, consist of stamp sales, box rentals and collections for second and third-class mail matter. Money orders, registered mail and postal savings deposits are not included.

Business at the Torrance postoffice has increased to the extent that the present postoffice building erected back in 1935 is becoming increasingly inadequate to meet public needs and convenience of the postoffice working staff, Postmaster Conner asserted.

Aluminum Plant's Protection Dept. Wins Army Award

For outstanding efficiency, appearance and training the Plant Protection department at the Torrance plant of Aluminum Co. of America has been designated for the Auxiliary Military Police Guidon, according to information received by Harry E. Kellner, plant superintendent, from U.S. Army headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The award will be presented with appropriate ceremonies at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow (Friday).

Only two other war plants have been awarded a guidon in Southern California to date, and the Alcoa plant will be the first war industry in the Inglewood-Torrance-Wilmington-Long Beach area to receive this distinguished award, according to R. A. Moon, chief of the Alcoa squadron.

Dinner Meeting of Legion Oct. 19 Torrance Post No. 170, American Legion, is making plans to resume the monthly dinner meeting this month, Tuesday, evening, Oct. 19, according to Jack Hallanger, commander. The dinner sessions were suspended in 1941 when the earthquake here demolished the Legion building.



MARGARET FOSTER chosen "Ideal" girl of National Supply Company from among six entered in final contest.

Margaret Foster Ideal Girl of National Supply

Popular vote by employees plus the decision of six judges this week brought to a close National Supply's contest for its "Ideal" girl.

Amid much campaigning and boosting for favorites, employees and the judges, including Helen Smith, Virginia Hall, Dorothy George, Harold Carpenter, A. W. Taylor and Harry Beatty, selected Margaret Foster of the purchasing department as National's "Ideal" girl, with Vernette Mitchell and Ann Pionette as runners-up.

The announcement of the results of the contest was featured at an all-shift dance held Sunday, Oct. 3 at the Lakewood Country club in Long Beach.

The popular vote of employees had previously chosen six girls from the original 40 entrants as finalists from which the judges made their decision.

The six girls chosen as finalists were Pearl Lovelady, Ann Pionette, Margaret Foster, Alice Mathewson, Vernette Mitchell and Bea Carriek.

At the dance, where music was furnished by Ken Story and his band, the finalists appeared before the crowd after which the judges were announced and retired for voting. The results being very close in the actual choice of the top three, it was some time before they reached a decision and it was announced.

The top three girls were presented with merchandise orders donated by various business establishments in Torrance, including Vercil Dress Shop, Torrance Dress Shop, National Home Appliances Co., Howard's Jewelry, Baker Smith Jewelry, Sam Levy Department store, Ray's Beauty Shop, Vel-Art Beauty Shop, Ellwood Dress Shop, Penney Department store, Charlene Sport Shop, Guy Shop, B. J. Scott, R. B. Cut Rate Drug, Discount Drug, and Husbands & Smith, photographers. Margaret was also presented with a \$25 War Bond by the dance committee.

"Margaret is a graduate of Torrance high school, has been a National employee since Oct. 2, 1941, and is well deserving of her title of "Ideal" girl. Her father, Elmer, "Moon," and husband, Howard, Foster, are also employees of National Supply.

POSTWAR PLANNING MEETING TONIGHT The recently reorganized Torrance Post-War Planning Commission is scheduled for a meeting tonight to discuss further proposals to steady the economic ship in this community through a program of public works after the war is ended. B. C. Buxton is chairman of the commission. The meeting is at the new Chamber of Commerce headquarters, 1119 Sartori ave.

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THE GIFT SOLDIERS LIKE! Now You Can Send a GIFT SUBSCRIPTION To Your Soldier Across the Seas TORRANCE HERALD Will be Sent for One Full Year for Only \$3.00 (We Will Send Christmas Gift Notice) No Letter Necessary If You Order Before Oct. 15

Postal Authorities have set aside the requirement that newspaper subscriptions to Army personnel overseas must be confirmed by a request in writing from the addressee. This means that you can send the old home paper to your soldier simply by payment of a subscription in advance. Rules have been set aside ONLY until October 15.

Order a subscription NOW and your boy will get his first copies before Christmas. To avoid errors, please do not telephone orders . . . bring them or mail them to the Herald office, 1336 El Prado. Payment in advance is required by postal regulations.

Torrance Over Top In Recent Bond Campaign

Hillman Lee, chairman of the Torrance War Bond campaign, expressed gratification over the results of the recent Third War Loan drive in Torrance. "I feel sure," he said, "that every other member of the committee feels as I do—that the people of Torrance and the various industries here have performed a wonderful job. The quota for Torrance was set at \$625,000, and reports of collections, so far show the total to be \$656,475.25—or \$31,475.25 in excess of that goal."

Lee believes that it will be more for some returns have not been reported from sources which should change the figures considerably.

One industry in this community is known to have collected \$40,770 in payroll deductions. The committee has heard this report, but no official confirmation that Torrance has been given a full credit.

The committee is checking further on the allocations made by corporations having operating units here to determine definitely the amount of bonds purchased that should be credited to this community.

Any way Torrance has demonstrated again that it stands solidly behind the boys on the fighting fronts who can and will complete the task of beating the enemy wherever he may be found in any part of the world, if they are given the planes, tanks, guns, ships and other equipment to keep them going. Lee emphasized.

The U.S. Treasury War Finance committee with headquarters at Los Angeles reported today that final figures on Southern California's Third War Loan drive will not be known until after Oct. 16. The committee believes, however, when all the tabulations are compiled the 11 Southland counties will be shown well over the top in their combined quota of \$422,000,000.

Sales reports are still coming in, but the treasury department asserts that Oct. 16 has been set as the last day on which sales made during the drive will be tabulated.

Torrance Schools Report War Bond Sales of \$9,600

War Bond sales campaign conducted by the Torrance high and elementary schools last week under sponsorship of the Torrance Kiwanis club was conducted with total sales of \$9600, according to both club and school authorities.

The Torrance high school reported sales amounting to \$3,075. Ruth Kerber led high school students in the volume of sales in the amount of \$818.75. She was presented with a \$50 bond from the club.

Returns from the Elementary schools show that a total of \$6,525 in stamps and bonds were sold, the schools participating and amount credited to each being: Torrance Elementary, \$5,100; Fern Avenue, \$925; Walteria, \$500; Carson Street, \$200.

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